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of *Livonia*, on the West of *Muscovia*, and North of *Podolia*. The Ayre is very unnaturall, and by that means the creatures there of every kind are very small, and their wants great of Corn, Wine, Salt, &c. The people are of a slavish disposition, and live thereafter poor and basely. The women have a freedome by custome to keep many Stallions, which their Husbands love as themselves, and call them their adjutories. But the men may by no means play false. Their condemned persons (be it to death) must execute themselves, or be tormented till they expire. They became Christians, such as they are, one thousand three hundred eighty six. The principall Cities are *Vilna*, *Vilkomire*, and *Brestia*, and *Norogredum*, a City by report larger then *Rome*.

(19) (11) *Volhinia* lyeth betwixt *Litwania*, *Podolia*, and *Russia*, a plentifull Region, and breeds hardy Soldiers. They live as *Russians*, use the same speech and customes. Her chief Towns are, *Kioria*, and *Lircassia*, upon the edge of *Boristhenes*. (12) *Podolia* is on the South of *Litwania*, East of *Poland*; and North of the River *Neister* or *Boristhenes*, as it runs from his head to the *Pontus Euxinus*, and on the West of *Russia*. It affords great plenty it seems; three Harvests (they say) of one sowing. It is pity (saith *Vadianus*) it should be left desert, as in a manner it is, unlesse here and there a Village. Her chief is *Camienzen*, the onely one, able to return the *Turks* and *Tartars* with the losse, as it hath oftentimes done. The rest are not many, and those but weakly peopled. For the often incursions of the *Tartars*; their speedy Horse, to ride a great compasse in a little time; their breach of faith, upon tearms of composition; and their cruelty when they have got a victory, causeth the Inhabitants of those parts, to flie them at a great distance, and leave their Land waste: since they dare not trust their peace, nor are able to withstand their war.